

**Gulf Coast Mental Health Center
Board of Commissioners
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Gulfport, MS 39520
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July 16, 2019

Hancock County Board of Supervisors
Harrison County Board of Supervisors
Stone County Board of Supervisors
Pearl River County Board of Supervisors

Dear County Supervisors,

The Gulf Coast Mental Health Center Board of Commissioners met today and determined that Gulf Coast Mental Health Center will not have funding to provide services beyond August 11, 2019. As a result, we will begin referring all clients to community providers. We are notifying the Department of Mental Health that we will need assistance to place the Residents in our two Supervised Living Group Homes. We will be requesting technical assistance on how to discontinue all of our other services including our Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU). We will be unable to accept any new admissions to CSU after August 1, 2019 and will be advising our Chancery Courts that all involuntary commitments will need to be sent directly to State Hospitals. By the end of this week, we will be notifying our employees of our agency closure by letter.

Sincerely,

Candy Murphy

Candy Murphy, Board Chairman
Hancock County Commissioner

Laura Hasty

Laura Hasty
Harrison County Commissioner

*for Lynn Stokes
Rebecca Law*

Lynn Stokes
Stone County Commissioner

Bonnie Hodges

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Pearl River County Commissioner